Question ID:	1
Vendor Name:	IBM
Date Question Asked:	March 28, 2011
Question:	I am requesting to move the questions deadline from March 29 to April 5. With the spring break and vacations, our team has not had time to complete our review of the RFP.
Section Number:	--
RFP Page Number:	--
STATE Answer:	A revised Schedule of Events has been posted to the RFP website on March 30, 2011.

Question ID:	2
Vendor Name:	EMC
Date Question Asked:	March 28, 2011
Question:	Please note that EMC Corporation is one of the few organizations that can provide this type of technology for mainframe environments & we simply want to request clarification on which organizations this RFP was sent to.

Is this type of request OK with you?

Any partner contact data is greatly appreciated (i.e. name, email & phone). |
Section Number:	--
RFP Page Number:	--
STATE Answer:	As defined in Section 1.7, a Notification of Intent to Propose was mailed in December 2010 to all PROPOSERS registered with the Purchasing Division of the State of Alabama Finance Department under the SIC code 920, subclasses 19 and 20. Registered PROPOSERS were informed that this RFP would be posted on www.dir.alabama.gov. The RFP has not been mailed out.

Question ID:	3
Vendor Name:	Secure-24
Date Question Asked:	March 30, 2011
Question:	Can you confirm that the due dates in the RFP (DIR.RFP.03152011) are correct.
What I see are:

1 Public Notification of Intent to Propose to prospective **PROPOSERS**(via Postcard and www.dir.alabama.gov. December 2010
2 Issuance of RFP(made available electronically via |

	www.dir.alabama.gov) 03/15/2011 (Tue) **3** Deadline for Written RFP Comments and Questions 03/29/2011 (Tue) **4** Posts Responses to Comments and Questions(made available electronically via www.dir.alabama.gov) 04/08/2011 (Fri) **5 Deadline for Submitting Proposals 04/22/2011 (Fri)12:00 noon** **6** Oral Presentations for selected **PROPOSERS** TBD **7** Recommendation to Director of **DIR** 06/03/2011 (Fri)
Section Number:	--
RFP Page Number:	--
STATE Answer:	A revised Schedule of Events has been posted to the RFP website on March 30, 2011.

Question ID:	4
Vendor Name:	IBM
Date Question Asked:	April 4, 2011
Question:	Please provide a description of the 10 Mbps of bandwidth required: For example is this Internet bandwidth another type of bandwidth please explains.
Section Number:	5.9.1
RFP Page Number:	--
STATE Answer:	Section 5.9.1 refers to Internet bandwidth.

Question ID:	5
Vendor Name:	IBM
Date Question Asked:	April 4, 2011
Question:	If DIR is referring to dedicated circuit bandwidth what carrier is DIR using as well as the circuit type: for example (DS3, DS1, 10 Mbps Ethernet, etc). If the requirement above is referring to a dedicated circuit, what is the model and type of router DIR will ship to the recovery center for the circuit.
Section Number:	5.9.1
RFP Page Number:	--
STATE Answer:	Currently, DIR uses AT&T as their carrier with a 10Mbps bandwidth. The Proposer shall provide the router.

Question ID:	6
Vendor Name:	IBM
Date Question Asked:	April 4, 2011
Question:	If DIR is referring to internet bandwidth, will DIR need access to the internet bandwidth 24/7 and what type of device is this internet bandwidth terminating to? please provide make and model of termination equipment.
Section Number:	5.9.1
RFP Page Number:	--
STATE Answer:	Yes, 24/7 internet bandwidth is required. The Proposer shall supply termination equipment.

Question ID:	7
Vendor Name:	IBM
Date Question Asked:	April 4, 2011
Question:	Is DIR willing to share any high level physical network diagrams of their environment?
Section Number:	5.9.1
RFP Page Number:	--
STATE Answer:	DIR will not provide any high-level physical network diagrams.

Question ID:	8
Vendor Name:	IBM
Date Question Asked:	April 4, 2011
Question:	How many lpars will you be recovering?
Section Number:	8.14
RFP Page Number:	--
STATE Answer:	One.

Question ID:	9
Vendor Name:	IBM
Date Question Asked:	April 4, 2011
Question:	Are there any encryption requirements, such as Crypto Express2 adapters or Tape encryption?
Section Number:	8.14
RFP Page Number:	--
STATE Answer:	DIR does not require encryption.

Question ID:	10
Vendor Name:	IBM
Date Question Asked:	April 4, 2011

Question:	Please specify any advanced function requirements such as Parallel Access Volumes, Flashcopy.
Section Number:	8.14
RFP Page Number:	--
STATE Answer:	Currently, DIR does not have any advanced function requirements. However, DIR may plan to implement such functions in the future.

Question ID:	11
Vendor Name:	IBM
Date Question Asked:	April 4, 2011
Question:	What type of OSA adapter is required Fast Ethernet or Gigabit Ethernet?
Section Number:	8.14
RFP Page Number:	--
STATE Answer:	DIR uses Gigabit Ethernet for their production environment. Proposers shall propose Gigabit Ethernet.

Question ID:	12
Vendor Name:	IBM
Date Question Asked:	April 4, 2011
Question:	Are there any printing requirements, please specify brand, quantity and model?
Section Number:	8.14
RFP Page Number:	--
STATE Answer:	Production printing is outside the scope of this RFP. Workgroup printing capabilities are defined in attachment 8.15.

Question ID:	13
Vendor Name:	IBM
Date Question Asked:	April 4, 2011
Question:	Will you be bringing any customer owned equipment with you, please specify?
Section Number:	8.14
RFP Page Number:	--
STATE Answer:	DIR may bring laptops as well as 3590 cartridges for loading data such as system configuration files. Any other equipment is defined in the RFP.

Question ID:	14
Vendor Name:	IBM

Date Question Asked:	April 5, 2011
Question:	5.12.4 Mainframe software requirements are defined in Attachment 8.13 of this RFP. Is DIR expecting for IBM to provide software?
Section Number:	8.13
RFP Page Number:	--
STATE Answer:	Yes, the Proposer shall provide any software required in this RFP. Software must be priced in the Cost Proposal as defined in Section 6 of this RFP. DIR will supply configuration files upon contract award.